



MINUTES

BUSINESS AND LABOR INTERIM COMMITTEE

Wednesday, September 18, 2019 | 8:30 a.m. | 210 Senate Building

Members Present:

Rep. James A. Dunnigan, Chair
Sen. Kirk A. Cullimore
Sen. Gene Davis
Sen. Daniel Hemmert
Sen. Karen Mayne
Sen. Daniel McCay
Rep. Susan Duckworth
Rep. Francis D. Gibson
Rep. Craig Hall
Rep. A. Cory Maloy
Rep. Michael K. McKell
Rep. Mike Schultz
Rep. Casey Snider

Rep. Mark A. Wheatley

Members Absent:

Sen. Curtis S. Bramble, Chair
Rep. Timothy D. Hawkes
Rep. Calvin R. Musselman
Rep. Derrin R. Owens
Rep. Tim Quinn
Rep. Mike Winder

Staff Present:

Mr. Adam J. Sweet, Policy Analyst
Ms. Amy L. West, Associate General Counsel
Ms. Leila Reynolds, Administrative Assistant

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

Chair Dunnigan called the meeting to order at 8:41 a.m.

1 . Alcohol Policy Discussion

Heather Lewis, Prevention Program Manager, Utah County Department of Drug and Alcohol Prevention and Treatment, spoke on the purpose and goals of the alcohol policy summit that will be held on October 18, 2019, at the Capitol.

The committee asked questions of the presenter.

The chair opened the meeting to public comment.

Kate Bradshaw, Utah Food Industry and Retail Merchants Association, commented on the organization's desire to be part of the summit, as they are directly affected by any policy changes or legislation.

The committee made comments and asked questions of Kate Bradshaw.

Sal Petilos, Director, Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, made clarifying comments.

2 . Blockchain Technology

Adam Sweet presented on blockchain technology - such as how it can be implemented in government and its benefits and limits.

[3A - Blockchain Technology Presentation \(Source: Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel\)](#)

Rep. Tyler Lindholm, House Majority Whip, Wyoming House of Representatives, presented on how the state of Wyoming has been working on legislation regarding blockchain technology.

The committee asked questions of Rep. Lindholm.

Dave Fletcher, Chief Technology Officer, Department of Technology Services, presented on blockchain technology.

The committee asked questions of Dave Fletcher.

Nathan Trail, Senior Manager, Technology Policy, Consumer Technology Association, presented on the benefits of blockchain technology.

The committee asked questions of Nathan Trail.

3 . Committee Business

MOTION: Sen. Davis moved to approve the minutes of the August 21 and September 10, 2019 meetings. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 9.

Yeas-11

Sen. K. Cullimore
Sen. G. Davis
Rep. S. Duckworth
Rep. J. Dunnigan
Rep. C. Hall
Sen. D. Hemmert
Rep. A. Maloy
Sen. D. McCay
Rep. M. McKell
Rep. C. Snider
Rep. M. Wheatley

Nays-0

Absent-9

Sen. C. Bramble
Rep. F. Gibson
Rep. T. Hawkes
Sen. K. Mayne
Rep. C. Musselman
Rep. D. Owens
Rep. T. Quinn
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. M. Winder

4 . Blockchain Technology

Cori Kerr, Chief Legal Officer, MerxNet, Inc., spoke on blockchain technology and what their company does.

The committee asked questions of Cori Kerr.

Tom Niedzwiecki, Blockchain Sales Executive, IBM, and John McMullin, Sales Leader, IBM, presented on how IBM is implementing blockchain technology for businesses and government.

The committee asked questions of Tom and John during their presentation.

Aaron Tilton, Co-Founder, Power Block Coin, LLC, presented on blockchain technology and how his company implements the technology.

The committee asked questions of Aaron Tilton.

Chad Bennett, CEO, HEROIC.com, presented on how blockchain technology can help with security issues.

The committee asked questions of Chad Bennett.

Adam Sweet responded to Sen. Mayne's question regarding California's blockchain technology legislation.

Chair Dunnigan opened the meeting to public comment.

Chris Harelson, Prosperity Counsel, informed the committee of the blockchain technology summit they are hosting at Little America on September 26th.

The committee asked questions of Chris Harelson.

Amelia Powers Gardner, Utah County Clerk Auditor, spoke on Utah County's experience using blockchain technology for uniformed and overseas citizens' absentee voting and how secure and streamlined the technology is for voting. They also explained how blockchain technology could be implemented for marriage licenses.

Joel Weight, Medici Ventures, the blockchain incubator of Overstock.com, answered previous questions from committee members and cautioned that blockchain technology does not make sense in every situation.

5 . Other Items/Adjourn

MOTION: Rep. Gibson moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 15.

Yeas-5

Rep. S. Duckworth
Rep. J. Dunnigan
Rep. F. Gibson
Sen. K. Mayne
Rep. M. Wheatley

Nays-0

Absent-15

Sen. C. Bramble
Sen. K. Cullimore
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The committee adjourned at 11:11 a.m.